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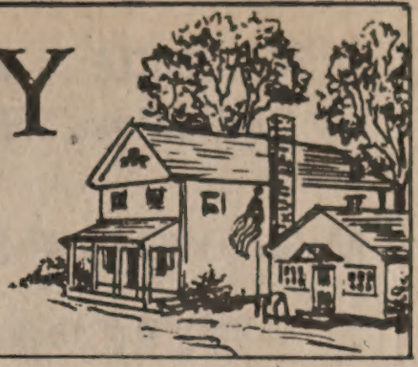

DECEMBER 1986

ROADS AND MACHINERY COMMITTEE

At the Roads and Machinery Committee meeting held on November 3 the winter operations of the Highway Department were discussed. The options for obtaining salt and sand were reviewed, including several bids for screening plants. In spite of a general preference for screening our own sand, it was decided, because of impending winter weather, to purchase a high quality sand from the lowest bidder. Three thousand tons of sand will be combined with 300 tons of salt for an approximate cost of $34,000, leaving a little less than $20,000 for labor.

The members agreed that the Town would be best served by taking bids for a complete screening operation by August of next year.

Last year sand and snow operations cost the Town $79,000, of which $10,000 went to overtime pay. This was a 50% increase over previous years, due in part to an unusual winter. Because a budget overrun is not an option this year, expenditures will be monitored on a weekly basis. Overtime will be kept to a minimum, plowing between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. will occur only in extreme situations, sanding will be prioritized and generally reduced.

Mr. Amstead was assured that the Selectmen will handle any questions.

Also on the agenda was the continuing question of bids for two problem areas on Mt. Hunger Road and New Marlborough Road. A motion was made and passed to take care of the New Marlborough project with the Case loader, but the Mt. Hunger curve requires an excavator. The next step is to approach three contractors for bids.

The portion of Mt. Hunger Road which was rebuilt this summer is unfinished and will remain that way. Mr. Amstead said that the excavator worked on that job for a month.

Mr. Amstead listed projects for the remainder of the year, depending on the weather. These are: patching on Routes 57 and 23 and grading of Hupi, Art School, Eaton and Mt. Hunger Roads.

A request was made that a review of the Highway Department guidelines be placed on the agenda of the next meeting, which will take place on December 1 at 6 p.m.

— Michele Miller

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MONTEREY NEWS CIRCULATION POLICY

The *News* mailing list has gradually grown, by request, until this year it passed the thousand mark. At the September meeting of the Advisory Board we decided to send the November issue to all those voters and landowners in town who were not already on the list and continue sending it to all who request a continuation. Then at the November Board meeting we decided that we should continue mailing the *News* to the larger list, now over 1,250, as long as we could afford it.

This action grows out of our feeling that the information and notices we carry on Town government and landowner's concerns should go to everyone. Since we are a service-oriented, non-profit enterprise, largely staffed by volunteers, our motive is to increase communication within the community as much as possible. For that matter, we think the creative contributions from our community should go to everyone, too. Meanwhile, responses are coming in to our request that we hear from the new people on the list if they want to continue receiving the *News*. The enthusiasm expressed is heartening and says a good deal about the kind of town we live in:

"Can't tell you how pleased I was to receive the November issue in the mail. Please keep sending your fine paper to me — now I won't have to wait to pick it up with my Saturday breakfast at the Roadside!"

"I enjoyed our first copy very much."

"This was my first issue of the *Monterey News*, and I really enjoyed it, so please continue to send it each month . . . ."

"Thank you for sending a copy of the *Monterey News* to us. Yes, I would like to receive the *News* regularly. Please include more items about Lake Buel, which is now undergoing some major improvements and changes."

"I have been a part-time resident of Monterey for the past 31 years and used to receive the *News* but for some reason did not get it for the past five years. I would like to be on the mailing list . . . ."

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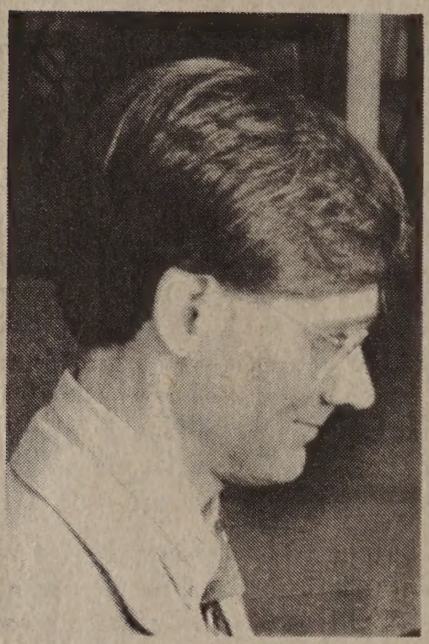

SUSAN McALLESTER

Robert E. Palin

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends of the Monterey Church:

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that we introduce Pastor Robert Earnest Palin, Jr., as our new minister.

Robert (as he prefers to be called) comes to us most highly recommended and with a wide range of skills and interests. Born in 1944 and graduated with a B. A. from Middlebury College and a M. Div. from Union Theological Seminary, Robert has served since 1970 as a minister in a variety of settings: rural, small town, suburban and urban. In addition to parish work, he has worked as a university and hospice administrator and has been self-employed as an instructor of classical piano, professional pianist, and accompanist. To the ministry he brings strong commitment to promoting peace and social justice, reaching out to individuals with love and compassion, and helping the church body find the "grace to grow and love."

Robert is currently interim minister at Stanley Congregational Church in Chatham, New Jersey, and a member of the Friends (Quaker) Meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia. He is single, having two daughters, Phoebe, age 16, and Anna, age 12, who live with their mother in Virginia, and who are a vital and ongoing part of his life.

In our interviews and observation of Robert, we were impressed with his personal and spiritual integrity and maturity. His warmth, honesty, and openness revealed a man of high principles and ideals. He is a man of compassion, intelligence, and wisdom, having experienced much of life. Thoroughly committed to his path and to his ministry, he says, "Ministry means connecting divine reality with human reality ... I acknowledge that there are many paths to the realm of God, and I seek to be true to the one I follow: one based on right relationships and conditions with God and humanity, inspired by the Golden Rule and the ministry of Jesus, and confirmed by my experience of God's grace and guidance."

In a quote taken from Robert's profile, he says, "In an age of depersonalized specialists the minister is a generalist, a connector-translator who re-members human beings broken

Open House for the new minister at the Monterey United Church of Christ.

or dwarfed by inhuman forces and who makes sense out of turmoil and complexity. My skills are results oriented. My style is invitational. Come, look together with me at the riches of God's realm. Come, open these riches to everyone. I can help. Together we'll let others know where God is."

Robert will be starting his ministry with us on January 18. Come, join us at this exciting time.

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REFORM OR TRANSFORM?

Several days ago I was talking to a person who was trying to change a pattern in her life which had become a source of great distress to her. She saw the roots of her problem reaching back to the years in which she was growing up. Even as a young girl her mother accused her again and again of disrespect. The mother, it seemed, felt she must impose her will more and more harshly upon her daughter, thus trying to secure respectful treatment from her. The daughter, out of fear, knuckled under to the mother's pressure. Now as I was talking with this person she was doing the same thing to herself. She put herself on bad guilt trips and tried to reform herself. It came to her as a dawning light, finally realizing that she was treating herself in exactly the same way her mother had treated her. Over and over the mother had tried to reform her. Over and over she had tried to reform herself. Neither effort had produced good results.

Why had all the movements toward reform been so unsuccessful? The real problem with reform is that it is imposed. It is a pressure exerted seeking to force the undesirable pattern out of existence. Most reform movements are spectacularly unsuccessful. They attack the problem from the wrong position.

If a pattern in our lives is causing us problems it is appropriate to desire to give it another *form*. It is for this reason that much energy spent in trying to *reform* is so fruitless. Yes, there is necessity to change the *form*. But if re-*form*ing produces such negative results, what is a person to do?

Let us try another approach—to trans*form*. In religious language the word "transform," rather than the word "reform," is almost always chosen. And with good reason. The prefix *re* means to go back, do it again. The prefix *trans* means to go *through* or *across*. It is quite a different movement. A movement that goes through us—of our own choice—is a vastly different thing from a pressure imposed on us. As we pay attention to the way language itself looks at these words it tells us we are looking at a wholly different proposition. An inwardly formed movement is a drastically different transaction from an outwardly imposed pressure. It is no wonder that when this woman spoken of earlier used her mother's method, even though she was imposing the pressure on herself, nothing was really changing for the better. How often I have listened to the stories of people who were trying to reform themselves—or others—and how frequently these stories tell of continuing frustration or failure.

The apostle encourages us "to be transformed by the renewing of your minds." He is speaking of something that is inward. As a new mind-set forms within us then outward changes follow as surely as day follows night. It is built into the very nature of things. I have come to believe that life itself is meant to be a process of continuing transformation. The change process must have an inner rooting if anything significant is to happen. Unless its rootage is based on inner desire no vital movement can take place. This gives us a real key to understanding why some efforts to change are fruitful—and why other efforts bear little fruit.

An earlier generation spoke frequently of *sanctification*. This is a term little used today. The truth of it is people today are afraid of the word. Who wants to be a saint? That seems like reaching too high. We don't even trust the person who makes too obvious an effort toward being holy. The term "sanctimonious" is a real put-down. Is it not precisely because this effort toward goodness has the appearance of being outward and pretended? Thus, it is seen as pretend and not real.

This heightens for us still further the dilemma. What is outward is quickly recognized as not genuine. And properly we should have an abhorrence for it. If it is outer and pretended it is an insult rather than a blessing.

Ah, but what are we going to do about the claim of life upon us for transformation? I find myself wishing I could speak a word that might help us see this issue more clearly—and with more hope. Maybe all we really need to get straight is the awesome difference between outwardly motivated behavior and inwardly inspired behavior. That which rises from outward demand or pressure cannot produce a healthy kind of goodness. That which is rooted in truly inward longing for fullness will be the source of what is rightly called transformation. That the world will welcome and will rejoice in it.

— Virgil V. Brallier

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UPDATE ON SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

MONTEREY — On Oct. 20, Selectman Chairman Hans Kessler stepped down from the chairmanship of the Board citing reasons of health and time as the basis of his decision.

Mrs. Wilfred Henley asked the Board at Monday's meeting, what was being done about the "dangerous curve" created by large stones jutting out into Mt. Hunger Road. Mr. Lipsky replied that several roadwork bids were due to go out on Oct. 27, and the stones would be taken care of at the time that roadwork was done.

In other business, Glenn Heller alleged that some 20 or so stumps that the town Highway Department buried on private property during the repair of Mt. Hunger Road, was, in fact, an "illegal stump dump." Mr. Kessler replied that there had been no word from DEQE in regard to the matter. Mr. Lipsky, who is also a member of the town's Conservation Commission, said the stumps did not impact in any way on wetlands and added that permission to dispose of the stumps had been obtained from the owner before any action was taken.

Mr. Heller also took issue with the town's procedure regarding the annual Lake Garfield drawdown.

At the Oct. 30 meeting, bids were opened for two roadwork projects, and a sand-screening plant. No bids were received for either the Mt. Hunger job which required a 50,000-pound excavator with a licensed operator to dig away the blind corner, or for the other job which would repair the road at the intersection of New Marlborough Road and Wallace Hall Road that also required an excavator and operator.

The sole bid received was from Nolan Trucking for the rent of a mobile screening plant for road sand. The rent proposed by Nolan was, according to Mr. Lipsky some "three times what our estimate was." The Board, under advice from the Roads and Machinery Committee subsequently decided to buy washed sand and not attempt to manufacture road sand this late in the season.

The Department of Labor and Industries (DLI) said that Monterey would be required to put jobs out to bid two times and then must solicit three separate bids from three separate contractors. But whether estimates were obtained by solicitation or bid, prevailing union pay rates would apply.

Highway Superintendent Don Amstead referred to the competitive bidding statutes that require union pay-scales as a "nasty situation" for Monterey. "It makes it hard for small contractors and hard for small towns," he said. "We're not Worcester. We're not Springfield. We're not big business. Once or twice a year we'll have a big job, mostly it's small pieces of work." He said that usually the town did not have money enough to do more than this in any given year's time.

At the end of the Nov. 6 meeting of the Board, Mark Mendel of Tyringham Road made complaint about an alleged incident involving part-time Monterey Police Officer Dale Lyman, after a late afternoon car accident the two men were involved in. Mr. Mendel alleged that immediately after the accident, a very angry Lyman threatened him.

The accident was investigated by the State Police and Mr. Lyman was charged with "failing to use care in making a turn."

Mr. Lipsky said the Board considered the "allegations serious" and intended to investigate them fully before any action was taken.

Citing a desire to pursue his education further, Mr. Lyman tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Board at the Nov. 17 meeting. Mr. Lyman thanked the Board for "support and encouragement." All complaints were dropped in the light of Mr. Lyman's resignation.

Sand and salt bids were opened at this meeting. Bids were accepted for 2,000 tons of road sand and for 500 tons

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of road salt.

In other business, several building permits were approved by the Board.

Mr. Heller asked Mr. Lipsky what his plans were in regard to a parcel of land that Mr. Lipsky owns in partnership with Gay Noe McClendon of Blue Hill Road and New Orleans, La. Mr. Lipsky replied that his major objective was "to preserve open space."

Mr. Heller continued to question Mr. Lipsky regarding possible future development of Old Barns Road, a road that the Board repeatedly told Mr. Heller had been discontinued. Old Barns Road abuts the McClendon-Lipsky property on Mt. Hunger Road.

Mr. Lipsky said that he had no intention of developing that road at any time, now or in the future.

The Nov. 13 meeting was chaired by Selectman Matt Williams in the absence of Chairman Lipsky, who was unable to attend the meeting. Things became complicated when the Conservation Commission referred Paul D'Angona of the engineering consulting firm, Accord, to the Board for a building permit approval before they would grant an order of conditions. A routine filing of a Wetlands Protection Act for Accord's clients, the Ukena family, was necessary due to the proximity of the Ukena house to Lake Buel.

At the Nov. 17 Board meeting, in addition to a number of Board of Health matters, a public hearing opened at 8 p.m. to determine whether the tax burden would be re-assigned or maintained in the one-classification system that the town has always used. The Assessors recommended that the tax burden continue to be distributed equally among town residents and landowners. The Board accepted the recommendation and after some discussion, and voted unanimously to keep the town's tax policy as it is.

For the second time, no bids were received for the two roadwork projects. Chairman Lipsky said the next step would be to solicit bids from three separate contractors as per order of the DLI.

Dek Tillett asked the Board if taking care of business by the book was working.

Mr. Lipsky replied, "We haven't received any bids. We are unable to do these jobs at the present time. We sure would like to get some of these jobs done. They are small but important."

In other business, Mr. Tillett inquired if any plans were in the works for Fairview Road. He said residents would like to have a road sign. He also said stone walls were falling into the road and some trees bordering the road were close to falling from the washed out road. "It's a real problem," he said.

Mr. Lipsky agreed that the road was in serious disrepair but added, "We've been trying for three months to get a small 8-hour job done on Mt. Hunger Road. What you're talking about is so major...

"What we could have done one year ago for $20,000 will cost $80,000 now.

"We are concerned about Fairview Road." He suggested a meeting with abutters and the Roads and Machinery Committee to discuss the problem further.

— Judith Freeman

UPON MY WORD!

I read and hear of our townspeople being called "Montereyans," but I do believe we should more properly think of ourselves as "Monteregians," since the name Monterey comes from the Spanish words meaning "King's Mountain," the *rey* coming from the Latin *rex*, *regis*, which can be traced back to the Sansskrit root *rag*, meaning "to stretch out, reach [sic], or rule." This root appears in such words as rajah, right, correct, regent, regicide, royal, regulate, and regina (L. for queen).

While doing this pleasurable research, I turned up a number of our sister towns and villages, namely, besides Monterey, California, others in Tennessee, West Virginia, and, of course, the Mexican Monterrey, for which this village is named. Colombia, in South America, has a Monteria.

Cognate names relate us to Mount Royal and Montreal in Quebec; Kongsberg in Norway; Königsberg in Prussia (now USSR). And there's a King's Mountain in New York and another in South Carolina, and King's Peak in Utah.

The Gaelic equivalent would be *Beinn na Righ*; Welsh, *Mynydd Brenin*, and we could coin a Greek *Basiloros*. It would be fun to translate Monterey into Russian (*Vasyagora*?) or Hebrew or Arabic, and other languages. Or, perhaps, since most of us think we live close to heaven on earth here, we should forget Monteregians and call ourselves Mount Olympians, and be done with it!

— A. O. Howell

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PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Mary-Anne O'Connell** and Frank V. Pope on their engagement. Mary-Anne is the daughter of **Eugene** and **Georgiana O'Connell** of Curtis Road. A graduate of Mt. Everett Regional School and Westfield State College, Mary-Anne is presently a special education teacher at Pittsfield High School and is enrolled in the certificate of advanced graduate study at Westfield State. Frank hails from Pequannock, New Jersey, received a degree in mechanical engineering from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, and is employed by General Electric in Pittsfield. A May wedding is planned. All the best, you two!

We hear that **Dan Whitbeck**, who formerly had a tree service and was a police officer in Monterey, is doing well. Dan has been promoted to assistant superintendent of the Quail Creek Village Golf Course at Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, Florida. Dan and wife Judy are living in Bonita Springs, Florida. Don't you miss the cold, you two?

Michael and **Sharon Feltser** recently enjoyed a week in Los Angeles. While Michael spent time on business, Sharon spent a lot of time taking in the glitter and trying to maneuver the freeways. And she thought these here hills were a challenge!

Bonner McAllester and **Sudi** recently enjoyed five days in San Francisco. A favorite was a visit to the zoo, where Sudi was quite fascinated by the hippo, the elephants, and the monkeys. Sudi also gets wide-eyed as she recalls the California redwoods—"heavy trees," as she calls them. Welcome back to the snowy Berkshires, you two!

Bob and **Violet Hardisty** enjoyed a few days in northern Vermont. They love the country and the fishing there. Bob showed me great pictures of Crystal Lake and the most beautiful Willoughby Lake. Really captured the Northeast Kingdom!

Hearty congratulations to **Shelby Loder** and **Christopher Makuc**, who were inducted into the Auriga Chapter of the National Honor Society at ceremonies held at Mt. Everett Regional School on October 28. They join other Monterey students **Michelle Grotz**, vice-president of the society, and Janet Thieriot as members. Hats off to all of you!

Many, many Happy Birthday wishes to **Ernie Heath** on October 7, to **Debbie Mielke** on October 27, to **Patrick MacBride** on November 1, to **Edith Wilson** on November 10, to **Don Clawson** on November 17, to **Jenny Brown** and **Gale Forbes** on November 25, to **P. J. Sheridan** on November 26, to **Gabrielle Sherb** on November 28, to **Stefan Grotz** on December 1, to **John** and **Dick Sellew** on December 2, to **Susan Sellew** on December 3, and to **Tasha Grotz** on December 12. Special wishes to **Edward Brosseau**, who was 83 years young on November 5.

And here's hoping that all of you had a wonderful day on November 27, with much to be thankful for.

If you have any little news, please jot it down and drop it at the General Store or in the mail, or give me a call: 528-4519. Thanks!

— Stephanie Grotz

INDIAN NOTES

One of the earliest books devoted to Stockbridge and the Mahican Indians is *Stockbridge, Past and Present, or Records of An Old Mission Station* by Miss Electa F. Jones, published in 1854. Among other treasures it contains the younger Jonathan Edwards' treatise on the Mahican language, excerpts from Capt. Hendrick Aupaumut's lost history of his people, and brief sketches of the outstanding families of the Mahicans. We present here her brief account of the Quinney family.

"This family seems to have been more distinguished during the whole course of their history as Stockbridge Indians, than any other. First, there was Joseph Quinney, son of John Quinney, who declined the office of Chief Sachem in 1777, 'a very modest, unassuming, sensible man,' and his wife, spoken of as a 'venerable, good woman.' After them were Dea. Joseph Quinney, John W. Quinney, born in 1797, and educated at York Town, West Chester County, New York, under governmental patronage; Lydia Quinney, (the wife of Capt. Hendrick Aupaumut,) who distinguished herself in the affair of the church edifice at New Stockbridge, New York, of whom Mr. Hall writes—'She was a godly woman. Few such mothers in Israel bless our churches;' Jane Quinney, the wife of Andrew Miller, and mother of Mrs. John Metoxin; Elizabeth Quinney, the wife of Jacob Seth; Catharine Quinney, the wife of Solomon Aupaumut; 'a woman of peculiar sweetness of temper;' and Eve Quinney, the name of whose husband we are unable to give. Also Electa Quinney, who first married a Methodist Clergyman, a Mohawk, but at the time of their marriage, missionary to the Oneidas. Afterwards he removed to the west, and became pastor to a band of Senecas. 'He was an intelligent and pious man.' His name was Daniel Adams. After his death, Mrs. Adams became the wife of a Cherokee Editor, who has engaged to return with his wife to her own people, provided he can pursue his vocation among them. This will probably lead to the establishment of a newspaper of their own. The mother of these was a daughter of David Nau-nau-neek-nuk. The two Mrs. Aupaumuts, and Mrs. Seth, were the principal women in the Tribe while in New York. John Metoxin has held both offices, that of Chief, and that of Deacon. He is still living."

- David P. McAllester

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NEWS FROM NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL

The 1986-1987 school year is off to a busy start. Our six elementary buildings are full, and with 455 children in these K-4 schools it's easy to see why they are bustling with activity.

At New Marlborough Central School there is now another first grade class. Susan Rueger, who worked there as an aide last year, is the teacher. In addition, there are some new, but very familiar, faces: Linda Brazie and Margy Ohman are classroom aides, and Eleanor Stalker is helping Jean Curtis in the cafeteria.

Georgiana O'Connell's second grade class has 21 students. Amber Smith of Monterey became a new member in October. Ariel, the class mascot (a Peruvian guinea pig with long hair) has been with the second grade for about four years now. The children wrote stories about him and his special "attributes."

The Integrated Preschool has a total of 38 children enrolled this year, with Gary Burkle as teacher and Shirley Hart and Kathy Wilson as aides. The program is comprised of special needs children and typical children who serve as role models. Several parents have been helping in the preschool. Volunteers so far include Margy Ohman, Anne Moulton, Ann Higgins, Leslie Scutellaro and Liz Stucker. Anson Olds of Monterey conducted a musical presentation. He played the violin and taught the children many wonderful things about this instrument. They also had an opportunity to color pictures to fast and slow music. The preschoolers have been working on such concepts as long and short; big, bigger and biggest; more and less; empty and full. Several of these concepts were practiced while cooking all kinds of snacks using apples. During Fire Prevention Week the children learned about basic safety around their homes and what to do in the event of an actual fire. The preschool went on a field trip to Gould Farm in October. There the little ones helped harvest potatoes and apples, and the children also learned about different farm animals and how some of them were getting ready for winter. James Hall's mother, Terry, donated several pumpkins to the preschoolers, which helped to get everyone in the Halloween spirit. Madia Benz, who attended the preschool last year, sent a box of Swiss chocolates to her friends and former classmates in America. Her special fourth grade helpers, now at Mt. Everett, also received some of these delicious treats from Geneva. WANTED: Someone to come in and play the piano for the preschoolers once or twice a week. If you can help Gary, please call 229-8867.

— from Maureen Bradley's newsletter

MONTEREY YOUTH NEWS

The Girl Scouts have begun meeting and are planning many events for the coming year. One possibility is a trip to the Boston Museum. Current members from Monterey include: Ann Gile, Rachel Rodgers, Erin Sadlowski, Meghan Sadlowski; the troop leaders are Mrs. Sadlowski and Mrs. Bellizzi.

The Boy Scouts are also underway and are trying out a new fund raiser: the bowl-a-thon! Monterey members in the Boy Scouts are: Kip Loder, Mike Ohman, Mark Phillips, Frank Sonsini, and Mike Sonsini. The troop leader is Mr. Ohman.

Congratulations to Kip and Anne-Marie Makuc, who were recently voted into their parish council of the Our Lady of the Valley Church in Sheffield.

Congratulations are also in order to Brooke Loder, who was confirmed in the First Congregational Church of Great Barrington on November 30.

Many of the youth of Monterey will be participating in a live nativity scene on Christmas Eve at 8:15 p.m. in the Gould Farm Dairy Barn. The community is welcome to attend.

Finally, to report an oversight in listing the Monterey members of the varsity boys' soccer team at Mount Everett High School, they are Jake Lanoue and Bill Thieriot, as well as Doug Brown.

— Shelby Loder

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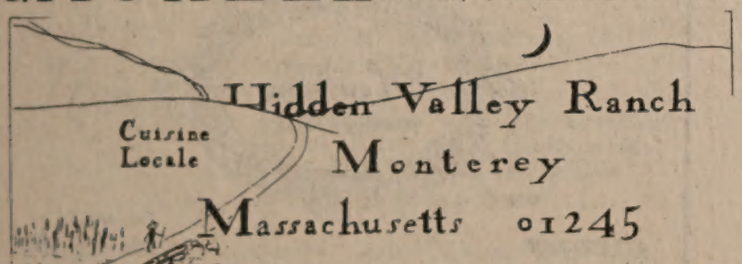

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Hans Kessler Steps Down From Chair

MONTEREY — Selectman Hans Kessler, who has certainly proven himself to be a dedicated, industrious town servant over the years, stepped down from the chair of that Board last month citing health reasons as the basis of his decision. Mr. Kessler will continue to chair the Board of Health.

Mr. Kessler was rushed to Berkshire Medical Center for emergency surgery to repair a ruptured aneurysm this past July. Though his doctors have been impressed with his recovery and subsequent progress, Mr. Kessler said the time required by duties as Selectman Chairman had just become "too much."

True to form, the post-operative Kessler from the intensive care unit last summer, wrote three pages of notes to send with his wife Jane to the special town meeting scheduled for the next day.

"It's not the volume of work he does, (though he does an enormous amount), or his thoroughly professional style that makes his leadership so special, but his personal integrity and ability to treat everyone the same," said Selectman Jed Lipsky of Kessler. Mr. Lipsky has assumed the chairmanship of the Board.

Mr. Kessler has been a resident of Monterey since 1958, when he and his wife purchased their house in the village from Marietta Damon. He admitted that even as a part-time Montereyan, he became involved in Monterey community affairs. One time, he found himself putting out a fire on Blue Hill. Another time, he preached a sermon at a layman's service at the Monterey church at the request of Virgil Brallier.

His political career in Monterey was begun in 1980 when he was asked to finish an unexpired term on the Planning Board. He was almost immediately designated its representative on the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. He described his time on that board as "interesting and instructive."

The Democratic Caucus unanimously nominated the Independent voter to the Board of Selectmen in 1981 and he accepted.

He has served as chairman for two non-consecutive years (the chair is rotated annually) as well as continuously chairing the Board of Health.

("Chairing the Board of Health alone is a job that takes an average of 20 hours a week," Mr. Lipsky said.)

"I've always been impressed by the willingness of people in this town to work without pay, without anything," Kessler remarked.

According to Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Kessler is responsible for the supervision of design and construction of the town's new highway department garage. He has also reorganized the Board of Health, bringing it under strict compliance with Title 5, the state law dealing with sewage disposal.

Mr. Kessler wrote the original draft for the town's Highway Access Regulations which protect town roads and ditches from erosion due to poorly designed new driveways. He was also responsible for writing the original draft for the town's Standard Operating Procedure for traffic accidents. The intent of this document is to better coordinate police, fire, EMT and other emergency services.

"These are all things he took the time to sit down and get done. All of these processes were extremely time consuming and took many hours a week," Mr. Lipsky noted.

Born in Germany, Mr. Kessler moved with his family to Istanbul in 1933 "because of Hitler." Mr. Kessler immigrated to the U. S. in 1938 for the same reason.

"I incurred the wrath of the German consul and other Nazis in Turkey by not participating in Nazi activities; and was therefore kicked out of the German school in Istanbul a few weeks before I was to graduate. I decided the best place or me would be the U.S.A. and with the help of distant and very kind relatives and other kind people, I succeeded."

From '43 until '45, he served in the Army, finally achieving the rank of master sergeant and paratrooper. He fought in Europe with the 17th Airborne Division.

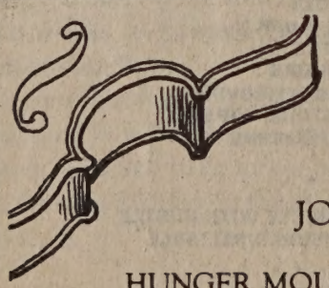
After the war, he was employed by Mobil Corp. He lived in Israel, Egypt, Cyprus and French West Africa until he was called to the New York headquarters in 1957 to head a section of the economics department. He held various other positions in New York until his retirement.

Hans and Jane have been married for 32 years and have two daughters, Elise and Hildy.

"I have a lot of things I want to do wih my extra time. More walking, hiking, cross-country skiing." One of Mr. Kessler's more impressive achievements is he has successfully climbed every peak of 4,000 feet or above in the Adirondacks.

"I'm also interested in certain languages and cultures, comparitive linguistics, history, and I have a stamp collection that I haven't been able to get to for a long time."

— Judith Freeman



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THE NIGHT SKIES

Jupiter continues to dominate the night sky. It is close to Mars all month as the latter drifts toward it from west to east. On the 18th the two will be so close as to constitute an almost complete conjunction—they will appear to be only one-half a degree apart, high in the southern sky. Mars will then be increasingly east of and higher than Jupiter for the rest of the month.

Orion is now rising in the southeast, high enough so that his follower, Sirius, the Dog Star, is in view: To find it follow the three stars in Orion's belt toward the horizon. It is the brightest of all the stars and derives its name from the Greek *syrios*, "sparkling," or "scorching," which may go back to the Sanskrit *surya*, "the shining one," since Arabic, Egyptian, Persian, and many other languages all have cognate names. It is the only star we know without question in the ancient Egyptian records, represented by a hieroglyph of a dog inscribed on monuments and temples along the Nile. Its rising marked the Egyptian New Year and the beginning of the inundation of the river on which the civilization depended.

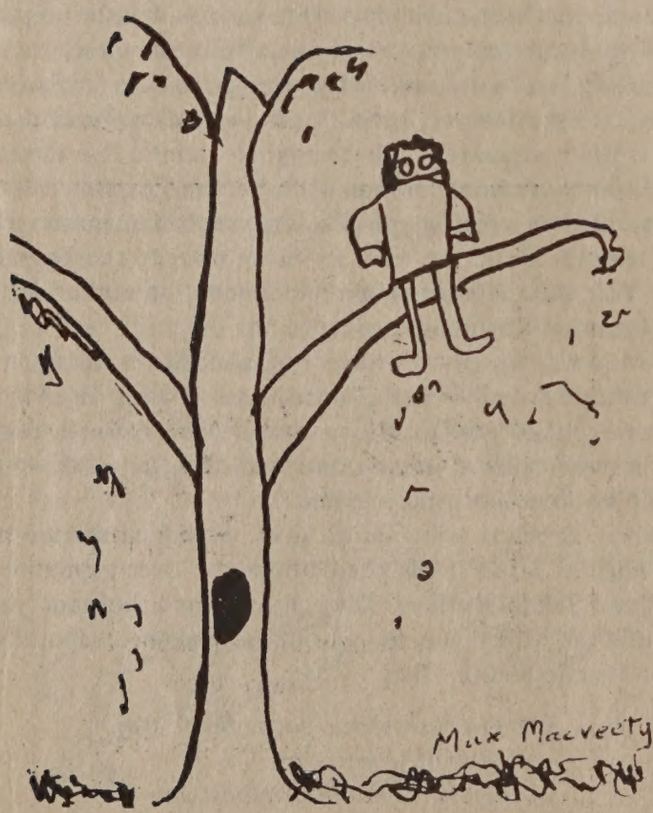
Hesiod was the first European to name Sirius, though this name was also applied to the sun in classical times. Eden in the *Historie of the Vyage to Muscovie and Cathay* wrote: "Serius is otherwise called Canicula, this is the dogge, of whom the canicular dayes have theyr name."

Zakris Topelius, the Finnish poet, explained the unusual brilliance of Sirius in his poem about the lovers, Zulami the Bold and Salami the Fair. They labored for a thousand years to build the Milky Way for a bridge to end their separation. Upon its completion, they

Straight rushed into each other's arms
And melted into one;
So they became the brightest star
In heaven's high arch that dwelt—
Great Sirius, the mighty sun
Beneath Orion's belt.

— David P. McAllester

Kristen Mallory



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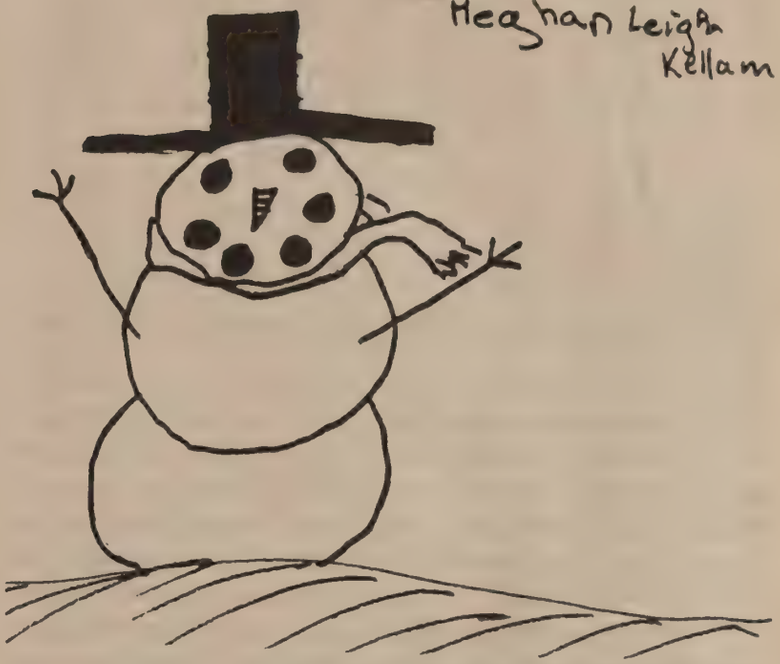

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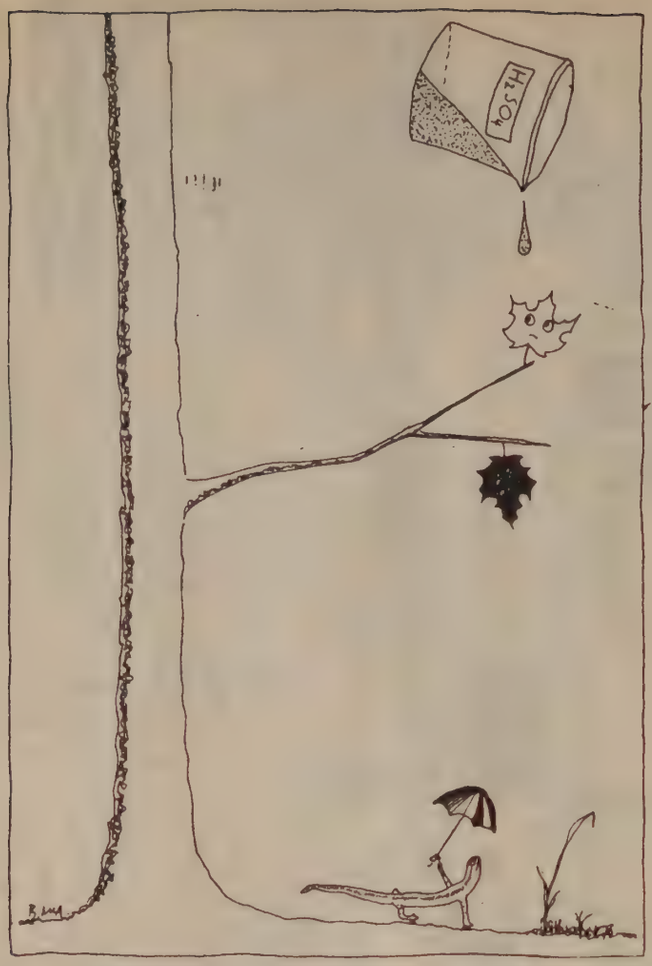

OUT THE DOOR WITH THE PROPHETS OF DOOM

I try to guard myself against the Prophets of Doom. When I see one coming down the path I bolt the door, run upstairs and get under my bed with a cat and a novel that is guaranteed to have a happy ending. In my younger years I was braver than this and could look a Prophet of Doom squarely in the eyes and smile pityingly or even laugh a little out loud. One way I learned to do this was by reading the jokes in the *New Yorker*, copies of which have lain on the coffee table all my life. In the '50s and '60s there used to be cartoons showing ragged men in white on the city sidewalks carrying signs which warned us that Doom was at hand. There would also be some more normal-looking character or characters in the same drawing, laughing bravely, making witty remarks.

These brave passers-by have more or less disappeared from the *New Yorker* since I grew up, and the ragged prophets have been replaced by long articles written by people like Carl Sagan and Jonathan Schell. They sneak in my door and lurk on the coffee table ready to jump out at me late at night when I'm reading in bed, all sleepy and defenseless. It takes all the strength I can muster to leap out of bed, run downstairs, throw the monster out in the snow and slam and bolt the door. Shivering, panting, I return to the safety of my bed, turn out the light, and start constructing my defenses.

This is no easy task, but it runs a little like this: since no one really believes in fallout shelters or Life after Nuclear War, and since most of us, including pig-headed world leaders, are not truly suicidal by nature, the work will be done, the deals made, the nuclear arms race ended and weapons destroyed. Because I believe this, I am able to get through each day with relatively little time spent cowering under my bed with the teddy bears and the Dick Francis novels (in which the good guy suffers a lot but always, always comes out okay in the end). Anyone about to critique my little defense (or Dick Francis) should be warned that his or her letter will be thrown out the door in a heap with the other soggy prophets.

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These are brave words I am writing, but even as I put them down, my current adversary is laughing cruelly at my elbow. I look away and gaze out the window only to see it again in the mist between here and Chestnut Hill, in the glistening drops on the sumac seedheads right here by the window. It is acid rain. (Folks, this is where you should run for the door and throw out this newspaper.)

The letter at my elbow, from National Audubon, says, "In the eastern U. S. and parts of the West, the rain is as acidic as lemon juice or even battery acid (30 to 40 times more acidic than normal rainfall)." It says also, "Some 180 New York lakes are now completely devoid of aquatic life." And a few weeks ago the ragged prophet came to me disguised as a close family member, saying: "Your mom heard a program on the radio in which an expert said by the year 2000 all the world's forests will be either dead or dying of acid rain."

This was too much. Sure, I have a radio, but I keep it off most of the time on purpose. I know these guys will bypass the door and invade my house over the sound waves, and once the words are spoken, there is no throwing them out. We tried. I went over to Mom's in a state of shock, saying, "We can't survive on this planet without trees. I feel as though I've just learned that a definite date has been set for all-out nuclear war." Mom wrestled the monster to the door, saying, "Oh, dear. Well, I can't remember who it was that was quoted on the radio. And I think it was the year two thousand *something*, not two thousand." In my life Mom has rescued me many times, but somehow I still can't throw this particular prophet out. It has come to me in many forms lately, as has the prophet of nuclear war, but I feel there is a great difference between

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these two. No one can fail to recognize the warning about nuclear war. Even the pig-headed world leaders have looked it in the face and have had it on their agenda for battle. They are afraid of it; they don't want it. Because I know this, I am not in a constant state of knee-knocking fear over this prophet.

To stop my bones from shaking over acid rain, though, I need a lot more people to get frightened, to realize that a few dead salamanders in upstate New York do represent a grave threat to all life on earth. I might have a hard time arguing with some over the relative values of salamanders and industrial profits which might be eaten up by tough air pollution laws. I do have a hard time arguing the value of "benthic organisms" here in Monterey, where people have chosen recently to interpret this to mean "leeches," and where our Conservation Commission, of which I am a junior member, has decided to permit the freezing and starving of salamanders, turtles, frogs, muskrats, and beavers, as well as leeches, in the name of unproven weed control in Lake Garfield for aesthetic and recreational purposes. For now, anyway, my fellow commissioners seem to believe, as Alexander Pope said, that "Man is the measure of all things."

I want to remind them and anyone who is not shaking under the bed over acid rain that in this natural world, as John Donne wrote, "No man is an island . . . ." Any little upset or change in ecological balance has fascinating and far-reaching consequences which we can predict only if we have considerable knowledge of environmental effects. If a salamander dies in New York and an ancient forest dies in Germany, what does it mean for the world? These are not isolated events. We may throw them out the door, but they will be back again in some other form. Whether or not we can see the intrinsic value of a salamander or the Black Forest, we need to be able to read the signs and understand something of the balance of life on earth. It is diversity which gives us stability and which ensures our future. These are heady concepts, so I'll put it another way: without the trees we are all going to die.

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Well, it's cold out here outside your door, and I just saw a couple of normal-looking passers-by looking in my direction and snickering about leeches and salamanders. I admit it, leeches and salamanders are odd animals, even ludicrous to some people. But one thing about them is they need a lot of the same things we need to survive, including water which is not like battery acid and trees which are alive and well, producing oxygen for the earth's atmosphere. Personally, I'm not going to feel safe until we're all out the door together; until, to paraphrase Walt Kelly, we have recognized the enemy as being us.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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Community support of the Roadside Store's attempt to retain the last gas business in Monterey has been very encouraging. Already almost $6,500 has been pledged by the community toward the $15,000 needed to replace our tanks! We hope soon to be able to announce that enough has been pledged to enable us to proceed with the tank replacement as soon as possible.

Monterey's community spirit is newsworthy. The rally to support our Roadside Store was reported favorably by the *Berkshire Eagle*, the *Courier*, and Channels 10 and 19 out of Albany. We appreciate Monterey's ongoing support of Roadside Store and Gould Farm so much.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of two new volunteers to our staff this month. John Vance is our first United Church of Christ volunteer and comes to us from Idaho. He has joined our regular work program staff. Paul Huntsberger has joined us from Ohio in search of meaningful volunteer activity for his retirement years. He is helping us to maintain our forty-some "odd" buildings. We also welcomed back Scott Steele to our regular staff with his much appreciated enthusiasm.

May we remind you of the chess club that Ted Tchack has been faithfully leading one evening a week in our Main House living room. Chess players from the community are welcome. Please call us if you wish to know more. We also appreciate another community volunteer, Fred Leuchs, who has been teaching some of our guests how to do stained-glass work in his studio.

— Virgil Stucker

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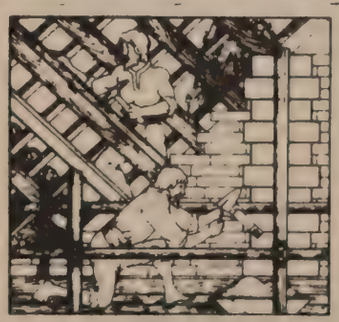

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HYDE'S FALLS

Who in Monterey ever heard of them? In the early Nineteen-hundreds, before the automobile, people had to walk or ride a bicycle to get to places to see things. Hyde's Falls was one of the places they walked to. At the east end of the village take the New Marlboro Road, follow it about two miles, and you will come to a bridge over Rawson's Brook. Bear left after the bridge and follow the road to the next bridge. You will not see a river or brook flowing, but just a small stream of water. This is all the water that flows over the falls. Follow up this stream through the woods, and you will come to Hyde's Falls, and you will see that it is an impressive waterfall.

After the falls you will come to the New Marlboro Road again. Look around and you will see Lake Harry, named after Harry Alender, who lived at the far end. Coming back down the road you will come to the Wallace Hall Road, where the gravity races used to be held until recently. This is the only gravity race track in the United States. It is half a mile long and downhill all the way, ending in an exciting sharp bend at the bottom. If you feel like a walk *against* gravity, continue on up to the intersection with the Sandisfield Road, turn left and come on home.

— A. Wallace Tryon

THE SWANN DAIRY FARM

In November Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Stafford of Phoenix, Arizona, visited Monterey, his birthplace, for a few days.

His father, Earle Stafford, was manager of the Swann Forest from the late 'Teens to about 1940 and lived in the Swann Forest farmhouse, no longer in existence.

Only the large dairy barn stands now, of the many buildings that were in Mrs. Swann's possession when this was a thriving dairy farm, employing several local men and a foreman.

It's hard to believe these towering trees you see today are on meadows that once furnished the feed for all the animals housed in this and other barns.

I understand there was a herd of Guernsey cows, a pair of draft horses, a yoke of oxen, and a flock of sheep, none of which were here when this became state property, known as Beartown State Forest now.

— Frances Brett

NOTES FROM THE MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Some additional memories of the Lake Garfield Golf Club:

The Lake Garfield Golf Club was much more than a sporty nine-hole course. It was the social center for its members.

The ladies took turns acting as hostess for the "Tea" which was served on Saturday afternoons. And the dances were truly formal. There were no blue jeans. The ladies wore long dresses, and the gentlemen were in dark suits, blazers and an occasional dinner jacket.

Amy Enoe was caddy master, and several of the young boys in town learned to play golf by starting as caddies at the club.

At the conclusion of the Sunday evening "sing," Peter Whitestone played taps from across the meadow at his grandfather's home, now owned by Sue MacIver.

The tournament cup resides in the Monterey Historical Society's museum.

The officers and directors of the Monterey Historical Society wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

— Sally Fijux

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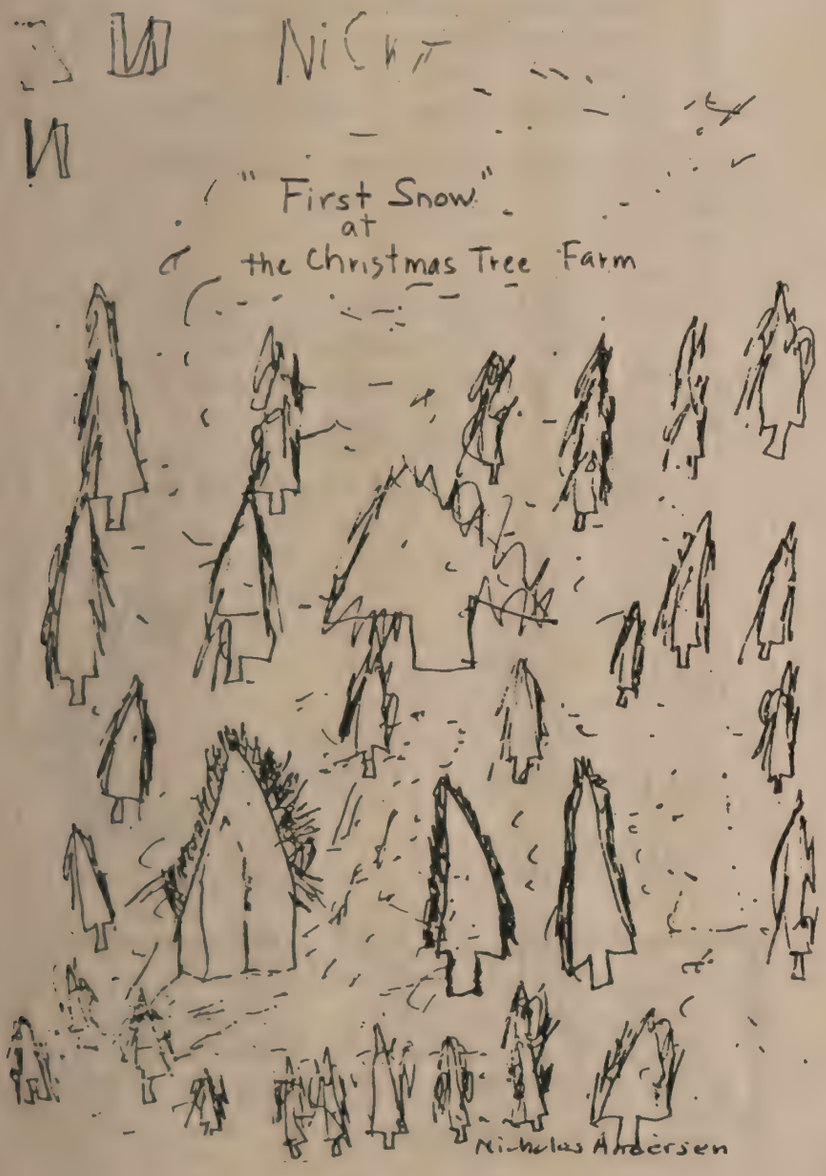
Bright snow of your hair
Blue eyes sparkling in firelight —
Eyes that speak of youth.

White puffs on green trees
The old pines lovelier yet —
Our hemlock blooms again.

Day of radiant birth
Memories surround us —
Shimmering hours bring joy.

— Sue Moody



November

The flat stream splinters gold from the pale sun's birth,
The bitter red sumach's an ember against the earth;
This winnowed New England mirrors the east in little,
A conjuror's illusion: as transient as brittle.

— Dorothy E. Law

Mirror of Daily Living

When you get up in the morning
With a "Thank God" attitude;
Thankful for your family,
Your home, your health, your food;
And your face is radiating
The happiness you feel
As your family flocks around you;
You can tell their love is real.

If perchance another morning
You get up with a frown
And greet your happy family
With your smile turned upside down,
You will find you're like a mirror
To those dear to your heart
As they reflect your grave expression
And their day all falls apart.

So help your dear ones live their lives
With mirrors brightly shown;
Then they'll reflect in all they meet
(As well as in your own)
And in your voice a cheery note
And pleasant things you say
May help uplift some burdened one
Along life's troubled way.

— Eleanor Kimberley

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met October 1, when Pirate Bingo was played in charge of Sister Betty Wilbur. The Grange hosted Berkshire South Pomona #25 on October 8.

The grange recently furnished 800 cookies for the Red Cross coffee hour at the veterans' hospital at Leeds.

At the November 5 meeting the Lecturer gave a very informative report of the Massachusetts State Grange session at Plymouth. Awards were also announced:

First prize for conservation and agriculture exhibit in charge of Sister Florence Brown, Ethel Warner and Eleanor Kimberley.

A plaque was presented to Sister Patricia Hardisty for her prompt secretary's reports.

A plaque went to Sister Tillie Butler for youth projects support.

The Seal of Merit was given to Sister Mary Wallace for home and community projects, also a plaque for community service projects and report, also a Lecturer's achievement award.

Sister Eleanor Kimberley won many awards for her photo entries.

The Youth Committee sponsored Deputy Peter Martin for the Granger of the Year contest, and he won first prize. The youth group had a fund raiser at Price Chopper on November 17.

Sisters Tillie Butler and Terry Callan were in charge of the Grange exhibit at Great Barrington and took second prize.

The Grange wants to thank the members for taking part in all these projects.

The grange met November 19 for Neighbors Night in spite of the storm. Visitors from Worthington, Heart of the Berkshires, Hinsdale, Flintstone, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Umpachene and West Stockbridge attended and furnished a delightful program. Special guests were District Pomona Deputy Alicia Brazie and Subordinate Deputy Peter Martin.

The Youth Committee wants to thank all who helped support the Price Chopper fund raiser.

The next meeting will be December 3, preparing for Christmas. Members are asked to bring in articles for the cheer boxes. The Christmas Party will be December 6, starting at 7:00 p.m. for members, families and friends.

Fraternally,

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

JEROME P. GERMAIN

Jerome P. Germain, 74, of Sarasota, Florida, and 5 Buckingham Lane, Monterey, died November 16 after a long illness. He had retired in 1980 after 20 years of service as vice president of Alexander's department stores in New York City. He leaves his wife, the former Jean Greenberg; a son, Dr. Michael Jack Germain, of Hampden; two daughters, Wendy D. and Debbie A. Germain, both of Boston; a sister, Mildred Germain of Bradenton, Florida, and four grandchildren.

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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

This letter is intended to replace the misinformation, innuendo and outright lies perpetrated by Glenn Heller, with the truth.

The campaign to characterize many of the governmental boards in Monterey as being self-serving, corrupt and incompetent is categorically false and shameful.

I have held many public offices in Monterey for the past 14 years. I have never worked with or served with an official who was other than 100 percent honest and concerned with the town's best interest.

I specifically want to address the subject of my personal involvement with Mt. Hunger Road and my alleged "conflict of interest." Prior to purchasing the land in partnership of Gay Noe McClendon, I made public and full disclosure of my intentions to my colleagues on the Board of Selectmen. Under Massachusetts state law, full and total disclosure eliminates conflict of interest. At this time, I offered to resign from the Board.

The day of the purchase, our intentions were articulated to the officers and members of the Monterey Preservation Land Trust.

At the very first Roads and Machinery Committee meeting that followed the purchase of the land, I again made full and total disclosure of my intentions to that committee. I offered to resign from this committee, as well.

There was unanimous opposition to both the gesture and necessity to resign from either the Board or the committee. The response was, "don't resign, but don't participate in decision-making when Mt. Hunger Road is concerned."

It was as a private citizen that I (in conjunction with Mrs. McClendon) asked for minimal access to the property. The Roads and Machinery committee discussed *without my participation*, the necessity and value of making Mt. Hunger Road passable. The Committee voted unanimously to do improvements on the road. (R & M Committee member Michele Miller was absent at that meeting).

The Highway Department felt that $20,000 was the maximum amount that could be allotted to the project. This road improvement project was also included and detailed in the Highway Improvement Proposals that were approved by the Town Finance Committee.

The State Flood Fund is a reimbursement fund account. The town does the job, pays the bills and is then reimbursed by the state from the flood account. *Taxpayers' money did not improve Mt. Hunger Road;* state flood money did. State flood money, obviously, can be used only on roads damaged by flood and must be approved by the state. Mt. Hunger was so approved.

State flood money could *not* be used to paint lines on roads or install guardrails unless they had been damaged by flood.

I would briefly like to discuss possible use of the Tyringham Road/Mt. Hunger Road land that I, in part, own. The original intention and motivation by the Hudson family in selling their 350 acres to us was their confidence in our committment to open space and our history of responsible land stewardship. It is possible that over the next 20 years, there could be up to 8 to 10 homes on the 350 acres (owned primarily by members of the same family), making it one of the lowest density areas in Monterey.

There will be no major subdivision on our land as long as we own it. Any other rumors or stories alleging any "intended development" of that property are simply lies. If anyone has any questions about any detail of my life as a land owner, selectmen or highway department official, please feel free to call me at home at 528-0762. I will make every effort to clarify any questions people may have in those areas.

Mr. Heller was *correct* about one thing: Monterey has violated state competitive bidding statutes on the Mt. Hunger Road project and, technically, every other road project for the last 50 years whenever we hired outside machinery with operators. But he is *incorrect* when he claims we did so intentionally, or to favor Tryon Construction Company.

We always understood that our Highway Department *could* hire equipment when the town was the general contractor.

Ironically, since we have been told we need to pay prevailing union rates on all bid jobs, we have received *no* bids on any project we have submitted. We have even rebid projects twice!

Despite the cries of "patronage" that have been heard about the relationship between the town and Tryon Construction, it has really been a benevolent one on the part of Tryon Construction. We have always received first rate work at very reasonable rates, first rate service and have never been charged for engineering or travel-time for equipment. The town got a tremendous value for its dollar.

Even though in in the future, all road improvement projects that require outside contractors are going to cost the taxpayers much, much more, that is the way they will be bid.

Finally, I would like to state that as a Selectman, I have always taken my responsibilities extremely seriously. Every decision I have made, or been a party to making, I gave a great deal of thought to.

I try to transcend my personal prejudices and make the fairest, most judicial, environmentally sound, cost-effective decision in the best interests of the taxpayers and citizens of Monterey. I also believe that most other public officials in our town do the same.

Therefore, I am deeply offended by the negative charges and insinuations levied in this paper and elsewhere against the many dedicated public officials and employees who serve our town so well.

— Jed Lipsky

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On the weekend of October 18, my three-month-old canoe was stolen from outside my property just off the Lake Garfield Pond. It was a dark green, 16' Mohawk Blazer, Registration Code MMN61491F686. If anybody has any information regarding its whereabouts, I would surely appreciate their contacting me.

I sincerely hope, in fact want to believe, that it was taken by someone outside of our community. The worst part about this incident is its effect on the peace of mind I have had about being in Monterey. I hope with time I can forget this unpleasant experience and regain my serenity. All of you in Lake Garfield with boats should take steps to prevent a similar occurrence.

Thank you,

Ira Transport
Tyringham Road
Monterey

To the Editor:

This letter is sent in answer to the Joe Baker letter which appears in the November 1986 issue of the *Monterey News*. The Baker letter contains many errors of fact and some scientific conclusions which, if examined closely, could not be supported with valid evidence.

I feel I can speak with some authority, as a lakefront resident of twenty-five years. Over that period of time there was close involvement with the construction of a new dam and the organization of the Lake Garfield Association. Without our efforts it is safe to say many parts of the lake (in the coves and along certain parts of the shoreline) would be a swamp. For one to make statements concerning the actions of the LGA requires attendance at meetings and expressing opinions. To the best of my recollection Joe has never been vocal with his viewpoint, let alone attending any of our meetings.

For the record: (1) The LGA does monitor ecological conditions in the lake by observations and reports of members, many of whom have rich scientific backgrounds and the experience of living on the lake for many years; (2) LGA members make every effort to reduce the amount of nitrogenous waste entering the lake by seepage and runoff; (3) LGA is affiliated with the Massachusetts Congress of Lakes and Ponds which disseminates information concerning lakes and furnishes guidelines which in the past have concerned our actions; (4) Every available source of information indicates that drawdown is the only effective means of weed control short of chemicals and, incidentally, there is no verified experimental proof of ecological damage.

The letter writer (Joe Baker) seems to be unduly concerned with Man's attempt to alter and control his environment. Without such effort we might all still be living in the Dark Ages.

Yours for a better Monterey which at least equates common sense with starry-eyed theory.

George H. McVey

To the Editor:

As of late the Police Department, but more important one of its members has been under the watchful eye of Glenn Heller. I can well understand — when he tried illegally dumping a canoe in the off-hours and in the wrong area at the Town Dump, then made to take it back home; then being charged for unregistered, uninsured and no proper inspection sticker; and now last, but not least, being charged with speeding, especially when he had a radar detector (fuzz buster) — I can well understand why he detests the Police Department, but, more important, Officer Dale M. Lyman.

Well, let's clear up some of this here and now that Heller started about Officer Lyman and his not being a Police Officer. The following letter from Executive Director Gary Egan tells it all:

Dear Mr. Heller:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 10, 1986, concerning the credentials of Officer Dale Lyman of the Monterey Police Department.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Monterey Police Department is staffed only by part-time special officers appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The police training statute, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 96B, requires various degrees of training depending on the officer's status as a permanent, full-time appointee, a reserve officer or an intermittent officer. . . .

Notwithstanding this distinction, many communities, including Monterey, have voluntarily elected to sponsor their special officers for training. In keeping with this policy, Officer Dale M. Lyman was sponsored for a reserve intermittent officer's training program held at Pittsfield, consisting of weekly classes between January and April, 1986. He has completed all requirements for a Certificate of Completion except for one of the prerequisites which he is in the process of doing.

I must conclude, therefore, that the Town of Monterey is providing training over and above the statutory requirements and is conscious of the civil liability threat posed by the actions of untrained officers. Likewise, I must conclude that Special Officer Dale M. Lyman is legally qualified to perform the duties of his position.

Your concern for adequate police training is commendable.

Very truly yours,

Gary F. Egan
Executive Director
Massachusetts Criminal Justice
Training Council

Deer season is upon us again, deer season being the first week of December. If posting your property, do so properly, and if you have any questions, please call.

For the good news, the Christmas holidays will be here before you know it. Please drive carefully so we can all observe this joyous season. THANK YOU.

Respectfully,

Douglas H. Lyman
Chief of Police

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Takashi and Hideko Inoue (Tokyo)—Especially summertime makes me feel as if all the memory of Monterey would become so vivid and full in my heart again. We thank you very much for keeping us informed with your *Monterey News*.
Hildegard Ryals—Congratulations on another good issue (October 1986). I particularly liked the McAllester article on the Conservation Commission and the other on the Mahican Indians.
A. Wallace Tryon
Mrs. William Christiana—I enjoy reading your paper.
Judith Kales—Suggestion: A "public forum" section eliciting comment and opinion on subjects of community interest, particularly those of a controversial nature.
Val and Rich Rochon—Reading the *Monterey News* brings many happy memories of our yesterdays. Like a breath of fresh air from God's Country—our best to all.
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Neil S. Orenstein—I would like a second copy to keep in the waiting room at my office.
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CALENDAR

Community Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, December 10—The holiday dinner, held between Thanksgiving and Christmas to celebrate both occasions, will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement. Since everyone brings something special, it's a wonderful chance to bring your own chef d'oeuvre and also socialize with your neighbors.

Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 11—The New Spirit Bookstore invites the Community of Monterey to an open house from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be refreshments, a festival of music, and, of course, lots of ideas around for gift giving. Come celebrate the season with us as we wish you Happy Holidays!

Contra and Square Dances

Saturday, December 13—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, $3.50; children, $1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.
Saturday, December 27—No dance tonight.

MONTEREY FIRE COMPANY NEWS

The Monterey Fire Company is sponsoring a Christmas program for the residents of Monterey. The festivities begin at 6:45 sharp on Sunday evening, December 21, at the firehouse. Everyone is invited—there will be plenty of fun, including caroling, for all ages. Happy holidays!

— Mark Makuc

EMERGENCY SERVICES INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On December 10 at 7:00 p.m. an informational meeting will be held at the Monterey firehouse. The purpose is to answer residents' questions about what to do in an emergency, what services are available in Monterey and how to get what is needed. Representatives will be present from the Monterey Fire Company, the Monterey Police Department, the Great Barrington ambulance squad and the dispatching center. The meeting is open to the general public, and positive input will be greatly appreciated.

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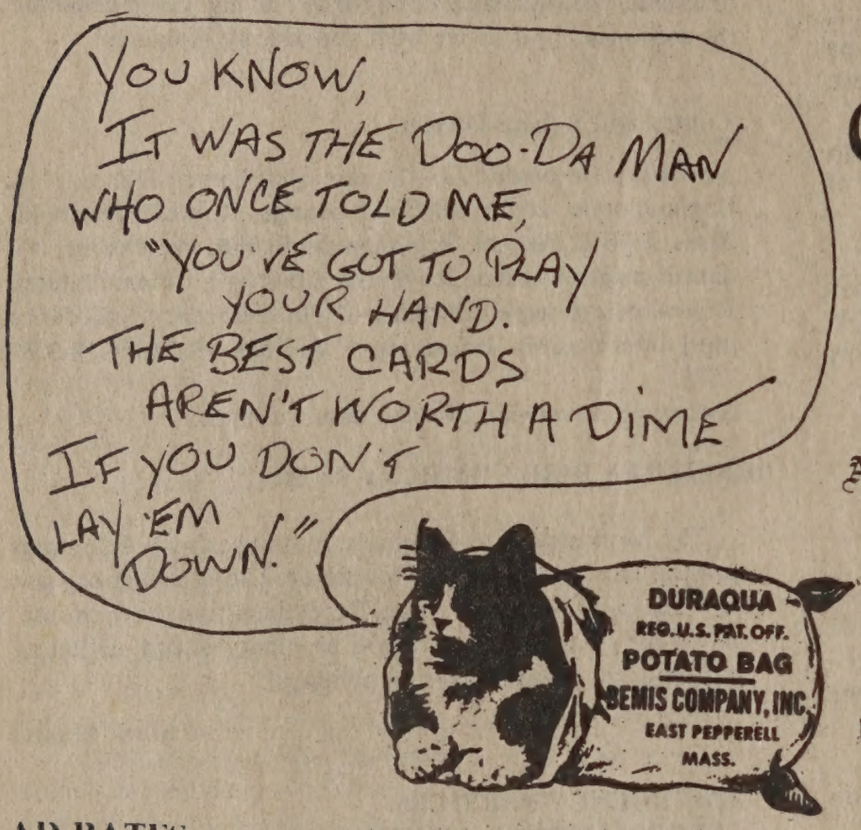

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